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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief, Enclave Operations Base, Bremen

DATE: 20 July 53
Info: COM, GLS, FOB, Bonn

SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Operational/CALL
SPECIFIC: Heinrich SCHUCHLANN

1. Request traces on Subject who is a shipping magnate living in Bremerhaven, Buergermeister Martin Donandt Platz 32 c. The name of his firm is the "Bugier-Reederei und Bergungs A.G.", Hamburg, Filiale, Bremerhaven.

2. According to an untested source, SCHUCHLANN used to collaborate with the "Spionage Abwehr", instructing his captains to report on foreign harbors, foreign vessels, and so on.

3. "The German Intelligence Services" lists one Kapitänleutnant Behrend or Heinrich SCHUCHLANN who is probably identical with Subject:

"German, born ca. 1898; IV (espionage against foreign navies): served in Freg. Kapt. FREIER's Einsatzkommando in France in May and June 1940; posted to Aust (Ausstellung) Le Havre in August and became Leiter III, Le Havre in December; frequently visited Spain in 1941 and was interested in fitting out small craft, principally at Brest and Lorient, with W/T sets and operators for observation in the Channel and possibly for landing agents in the U.K.; frequently in Vigo in 1942 in connection with fishing trawlers used by the Abwehr to collect weather reports and shipping intelligence; in June 1942 was engaged in preparations for an undertaking to land agents in South Africa, and in November is believed to have visited Berlin in connection with a proposal to dispatch agents by sea to S. America; visited Dunkirk in February 1943 to report on sabotage questions and organized an undertaking to drop agents off the Brazilian coast in May 1943; visited Madrid in June regarding the dispatch of an agent to Spanish Guinea; appointed Leiter Einsatzkommando West in February 1944; at Le Havre in June and in the Bordeaux area in July; in Berlin in September, dealing with the establishment of post-occupational agents in Holland; appointed Leiter EdM 60 M.H.Q. Holland (near Ostarbeek) in October; in civil life is a partner in the shipping and salvage firm of Bugier-Reederei owned by Wilhelm & Hermann SCHUCHLANN of Hamburg, one of whose ships was smuggling arms into Ireland in 1932 while another was reported in 1937 to be used by the Abwehr; height 5' 6" (168 cm); stocky build, round face, cropped fair hair, blue eyes, florid complexion, short thick neck, clean-shaven; energetic, important manner; efficient and self-confident; speaks Flemish, poor French and some English"

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4. The "Schiffsliste 1953, Verzeichnis der deutschen Reederei und ihrer Schiffe ueber 100 BRT" lists twenty-one vessels belonging to the Hamburg and Bremerhaven branches of this firm. Of these seventeen are various kinds of crane and tow ships.

5. At one time SCHUCHMANN tried to get one of the ocean-going tugs which the U. S. Army had in its possession but which it was going to sell or turn back to the Germans.

6. Before pursuing the question whether or not SCHUCHMANN should be approached with an offer for collaboration, we would like to find out if anything further is known about him or if he is already being used by some branch of the organization.

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